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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND SECRETARY OF STATE

KISSINGER ON MARCH 23, 1975

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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE REMARKS OF ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER
YITZHAK RABIN AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER
AT BEN GURION AIRPORT JUST PRIOR TO THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE.

2. PRIME MINISTER RABIN: BEGIN QUOTE: MR. SECRETARY,
I HAVE COME TO SEE YOU OFF ON YOUR WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON
AS AN EXPRESSION ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL
AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL FOR THE SPECIAL, UNIQUE RELATIONS THAT
HAVE EXISTED AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
I BELIEVE THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND OUR
COUNTRY HAVE BEEN BASED ON MANY COMMON CONCEPTS AND
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INTERESTS, AND I AM SURE THAT WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN TWENTY-SIX

YEARS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEVELOPED.

3. I HAVE COME HERE, MR. SECRETARY, TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOU. I KNOW YOU, FOR MANY YEARS, FROM MY TERM AS AN AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED STATES. I KNOW YOU AS SECRETARY OF STATE AND ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST EFFORTS TO MOVE THIS AREA FROM WAR TOWARDS PEACE. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE DONE MORE THAN A HUMAN BEING CAN DO IN THE EFFORTS TO MOVE FROM WAR TOWARDS PEACE. I AM SORRY THAT THE PRESENT EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE BEEN USSPENDED. I AM SURE THAT THE UNITED STATES AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FIND EVERY POSSIBLE OPTION, EVERY AVENUE, TO MOVE, OR TO HELP THE PARTIES TO MOVE, FROM WAR TO PEACE.

4. PLEASE, ACCEPT OUR GREAT RESPECT, APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

5. SECRETARY KISSINGER: THANK YOU. MR. PRIME MINISTER, ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, LET ME EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN COMING TO THE AIRPORT TO SEE US OFF. WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER FOR TWO WEEKS IN THE TRADITIONAL SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP TO MOVE THIS AREA TOWARDS A PEACE THAT NO PEOPLE NEEDS MORE THAN THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, GATHERED HERE AFTER TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF DISPERSION AND A GENERATION OF STRUGGLE. THIS IS A SAD DAY FOR AMERICA WHICH HAS INVESTED MUCH HOPE AND FAITH AND WE KNOW IT IS A SAD DAY ALSO FOR ISRAEL WHICH NEEDS AND WANTS PEACE SO BADLY. BUT THE NECESSITIES THAT BROUGHTABOUT THIS EFFORT CONTINUE AND THE NEED TO MOVE TOWARDS PEACE CANNOT BE ABANDONED. WE WILL NOW HAVE TO LOOK FOR DIFFERENT METHODS AND NEW FORTUMS, BUT, IN ANY EVENT, THE UNITED STATES WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO CONTRIBUTE TO A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE HAD NO OTHER GOAD EXCEPT TO ENABLE THE YOUNG PEOPLES IN THIS AREA TO GROW UP WITHOUT THE FEAR OF WAR. AND, AS WE LEAVE, WE WISH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ALL THE BEST. AND I WANT TO THANK, PARTICULARLY, MY OLD FRIEND THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE WISDOM WITH WHICH HE HAS CONDUCTED HIMSELF, FOR THE FRIENDSHIP HE HAS SHOWN TO US AND FOR THE DEDICATION THAT HAS ANIMATED ALL HIS ACTION. THANK YOU. END QUOTE.

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